

DEDICATED.

The Congregation of the Central

Union Church Move Into

the New Building

FULL ACCOUNT OF THE
MORNING AND EVEN-
ING SERVICES.

A Day to Be Remembered for

Half a Century—Full Re-
port of the Addresses.

The dedicatory exercises held yesterday at the new Central Union Church brought together a great number of people, and the new building, commodious as it is, was crowded from floor to gallery, while a large number had to stand and others were turned away.

The ushers, Messrs. J. O. Carter, E. A. Jones, Shaw, Klinegel and Benner, skillfully distributed the visitors until not a nook or corner remained unoccupied. Many of the leading church members hospitably yielded seats to guests, and stood throughout the service.

Beautiful as the interior has seemed during these days of finishing touches, it was more beautiful when filled, and the softly-diffused light which shone through the eastern panes filled the body of the church with a warm glow of color. The platform was occupied by the Revs. W. B. Oleson, H. W. Peck, J. W. Waiamau, A. U. Soares, S. E. Bishop, O. P. Emerson, Chaplain R. R. Hoess, Dr. Hyde, and the honored pastor, Dr. Beckwith.

The following is the programme of exercises:

DEDICATORY SERVICES.

11 A. M.

1. Prelude—"Meditation," Fancienier
2. Doxology.
3. Invocation.
4. Scripture Lesson—Psalm 24. V. Soares
5. Anthem—"Praise ye the Father," Gounod
6. Scripture Lesson—Psalm 122. Rev. H. W. Peck
7. Prayer—Rev. R. R. Hoess
8. Response—"Holy, Holy, Holy," Schubert
9. Offertory—Duet: "I waited for the Lord," Mendelssohn
10. Hymn 223. Mrs. J. H. Paty and Mrs. A. F. Judd
11. Address: The House for the People. Rev. W. B. Oleson
12. Address: The House for the Children. Rev. O. P. Emerson
13. Address: The House for the Church. Rev. C. M. Hyde, D. D.
14. Address: The House for Christ. Rev. S. E. Bishop
15. Transfer of the House from the Building Committee to the Board of Trustees. Alexander Young, Chairman Committee
16. The Church and Congregation will stand and join in the
17. Prayer of Dedication. Rev. E. G. Beckwith, Pastor
18. Dedicatory Hymn—"Philip H. Dodge
19. Benediction.
20. Postlude.

The choir, which was strongly augmented for the occasion, was composed as follows:

First Sopranos—Mrs. Walbridge, Miss Hopper, Miss Ellen Hopper, Miss Bolles, Miss Beckwith.

Second Sopranos—Miss Lyle, Miss Deborah Lyle, Miss Charlotte Hall, Miss Kate Fleming.

First Altos—Miss Young, Miss Nellie Young, Miss Heattie McGuire, Miss Parnellee, Miss Maggie Mossman, Miss Castle.

Second Altos—Mrs. E. C. Damon, Miss Agnes Judd.

First Tenors—Mr. J. T. Waterhouse, Jr., Mr. W. M. Templeton, Mr. Henry Hapal.

Second Tenors—Mr. W. W. Hall, Mr. L. C. Lyman, Mr. Willard Brown.

First Bass—Mr. Albert Judd, Mr. James Judd, Mr. W. H. Hayselden.

Second Bass—Mr. Wood, Mr. E. H. Paris, Mr. Henry Jaeger, Mr. Wm. Armstrong.

The instrumental music was furnished as follows: Violin, Mrs. M. Greer; Miss Paty; Mr. Barnfield; Violoncello, Mr. Wray Taylor; viola, Mr. A. Marques; flute, Geo. H. Paris; piano, Miss Hopper. The piano was also played during a part of the service by Miss Dale and Miss Wing. The music was successful throughout, and the strings and strong chorus supplied the place of the organ so well that its absence was hardly felt. The duet, "I waited for the Lord," was beautifully rendered by Mrs. J. H. Paty and Mrs. A. F. Judd.

The first address was made by Mr. Oleson. His subject was:

The House for the People.

In erecting this house of worship, the avowed purpose has been to make a spiritual home for the people of Honolulu. This was the spirit in which the corner-stone was laid. It is the spirit in which this house is being dedicated to the service of Christ. The founder of our religion dealt with men on a common level. He came, under the auspices of no organization, and by the patronage of no elect class, to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captive, to set at liberty them that are bruised. This is the genius of Christianity. Any departure from the simplicity of this mission is a departure from the faith once delivered to the saints. If the spirit of Jesus is to prevail in our modern institutions, then those institutions must wear the same aspect of hospitality that caused the multitudes to gather about the person of Jesus. Your public sidewalk should not be freer to the feet that tread it daily, than this house of God to the people of our city. This is the spirit that led to the erection of this noble edifice, and it is the spirit that opens it wide today. This is your house, since it is God's house. This is your house, since it has been built in obedience to the spirit of Jesus, who is the Savior of all men. There is nothing too good for God to bestow upon his creatures. No man will ever willingly stand outside the gates of the Central City because it is too beautiful and glorious within. Let no one absent himself from this house of God because of any real or fancied contrasts between what he is and what this is. It is a blessed thing that the people who do not know very much about the more comfortable side of life, can freely enter into the enjoyment of the beauty and comfort and peace of the house of God. This is yours. It is yours whether you have tasted of the bread of life, or whether you are yet only in the borderland of religious belief. Yes, it is yours, by the very genius of Christianity that welcomes with kindly hospitality even the disbelieving soul and reaches out in powerful love for those who rarely enter within its gates. It is yours because of the message that it has for you. The religion of Jesus, so far as it is true to the spirit of its founder, is abreast of the needs and changes of modern life. It is the vitalizing power in every organized community. It is a personal, pervasive force that brings strength, and comfort, and helps into the hearts of the people everywhere. You need this gospel. You need the ministrations of this house of God. Whether you are at home or on the road, whether you are burdened with the problem of physical existence, you need the restful, helpful gifts of the spirit of Jesus. Let this house be the home of the people, in the spirit of the example of Jesus, who came to us to bless the day that ever its stones were laid and its doors thrown wide open to all.

Address of Rev. O. P. Emerson.

The distinguishing feature of the home is the child life. It is the center and gives it a distinction beyond the palace. Fatherhood and motherhood draw their inspiration from it. The church building is the largest and most beautiful of all the childlike relations as to the private house. The witchery of their presence is for it. The "house for the children," or first, if you please, the children for the house—the house needs the children. Some are at a child to whip in this great stone house. Let the children once come flocking in and they will break it up. Our hearts will soften at the sight of their fair faces and at the sound of their sweet voices and their presence will inculcate the childlike spirit. This house was built partly for them, yonder Sabbath school room expressly so, and this big room will need them to help fill it. They are to be the congregation of the future. These who are children today, years ago in the old church, with their families, form the bulk of the congregation of to-day. So this house needs the children as the audience of the future and for the perfection of its worship. Again, the house needs the children, much more do they need it. This is to be a center of spiritual life. Children need that life. Souls will be born here into the family of God. Children need that birth. You will bear them here to baptism, and here they will stand to receive Christ. Here will be spoken stirring words of appeal and sweet words of comfort, and here will be granted a blessed communion. Children have need of these things. So the doors of this house stand open to them and give them earnest welcome.

The House for the Church—By Rev. Dr. Hyde.

This building has been erected as a house of worship for the Central Union Church. From final to foundation, it has been planned, planned, planned, all the appointments of the building, mark this as a house of worship. It is not a temple, a sacred enclosure for the state performance of certain religious rites, from which "the profane and vulgar crowd" are excluded. Its evident design and all the details of its arrangements fitly embody the churchly ideal. Yet neither its exterior nor its interior, neither its adaptations nor its adornments are churchly as such. It is what the word church properly signifies, "the Lord's house," where this Church of Christ is to convene at appointed times, suitably to set forth its most worthy and noble service, with Him before whose presence angels veil their faces in lowliest adoration, yet into whose presence the humblest and the poorest may ever come with the assurance that they are as welcome as the angels, and that prayer and contemplation as the object of this structure; but not as though here alone as a consecrated place men could fittingly worship God, or as if petition for desired good were the true ideal of prayer. Instruction and fellowship are co-ordinate objects in the aim and arrangements of this church.

"The doctrine that is according to godliness" can be known only by those who do God's will. The worship of old-fashioned name signifies, is the place where worth is honored and worthlessness is sought. In the very name of Central Union Church this

idea of convenience and fellowship is sought, and the church is an organization might have been. It must be confessed, some more distinctive appellation, and not so aggressive as the epithet often applied to it in derisive contumely—"the missionary church." But neither sneers nor slanders can controvert the fact that this building stands as a memorial of the work of those whose successors we are. We enjoy this fruit of the labors of those missionary fathers and mothers of whom this world was all worthy, God himself having provided for them better things than these. In building this house we have not grudgingly kept back from the Lord's use for our own personal enjoyment of what we owe to Him, but have freely and lovingly given of our richest and our best. We could not be satisfied with anything else any more. We are well assured that God, who "so loved the world as to give," is one who himself loves and likes a cheerful giver; for He is not godliness, and giving willingly makes us God-like. We need not be told that all gifts are worthless if they are only pretentious substitutes for personal love and sympathy and helpfulness. Whoso enters this house should feel at once that this is the spiritual home of a live church, instinct in every part with the spirit of fellowship through ministry to the higher needs of humanity, that so God may be glorified. If this is to be a house of worship worthy the name, it must be "a house of prayer for all people," for all sorts and conditions of men, drawn together by the common needs of a common humanity. It must be a house that is over its portals, and over everything within its walls, "Holiness unto the Lord." That must ever be the desire and the endeavor; so shall this brotherhood of believers walk in the light of the Lord, and God will be best pleased when we are co-workers with Him, hearts and hands all engaged in His great work—the salvation and sanctification of sinful humanity. We can have in this work Apostolic success, for the most important members of the succession, only as we have the Apostolic spirit. That can be ours only so far as all the membership shall have that power for service which our Divine Redeemer promised to the Church as a body, when they would that they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. May that gift of Pentecostal power for service come, here and now, upon each one of this body of assembled worshippers, making this Central Union Church a band of Christian workers, who shall be not merely "for Christ and His Church," but the broader and fuller utterance of Christian faith and fellowship, "Christ in us, the hope of glory; we in Christ, for the uplifting of the world into the light and warmth of God's love, and through surrender, sacrifice and service."

The House for Christ—By Rev. S. E. Bishop

We here tender this house to our Lord and Master, not as partly for His use and partly for our own convenience. It is absolutely for His use, for our own only as subservient to His. It is only such absolute surrender that our Lord accepts, returning it a hundred fold in blessings. Let such be our hearts' attitude—wholly content never to look back, but to look only to the dear Master will use it gloriously for His own work, and visit His people here. Will our Lord accept the gift? Most gladly He will, if our whole hearts go with it. Not because of its beauty or adornment, but because it is offered with an high honor that cheap little Japanese chapel at Hilo, built by them with such joyful sacrifice. It was fitting for us to make our gift outwardly more choice. The bride may present her husband with some costly gift, but her heart is not in it. Her love goes not with it, his heart is left sore. Let this church as the Bride of Christ bring this beautiful gift to her Lord with her dearest love. So offering our gift, we may expect His smile. His blessing will come in inspiration and discernment. His presence among us to feel His power by the Holy Spirit. Accepting this house, He will keep it from becoming a place of formal, stately worship. He will make it the home of outpouring prayer, of fervent devotion, of the voice of mighty awakenings, when souls are brought into penitence and the light of God. He will make it a place where His people plan for varied and out-reaching work of His kingdom, and where His people distribute their resources in all the channels of such work. And as His house, He will here make every soul feel through us a full welcome. None so lowly, none so sinful, that they are not cordially welcome in this house of the pardoning, comforting, loving Shepherd of His people.

After the completion of Rev. S. E. Bishop's address the Hon. Mr. Young, on behalf of the Building Committee, transferred the church to the trustees. He said:

MY DEAR FRIENDS: After much patient waiting, and no doubt a tendency on the part of some to exclaim that "hope deferred maketh the heart sick," we now find ourselves snugly housed within the walls of our new church. We should be actuated this morning by feelings of the most profound gratitude to God, who in His kind providence has made this church and congregation the possessors of such a magnificent and commodious edifice we have met this morning to dedicate to His service. With this thought in mind I now, on behalf of the Building Committee, to whom was entrusted the erection and completion of this new home of our deliver over the premises and keys to the trustees of the Central Union Church of Honolulu.

Mr. J. O. Carter, for the trustees, responded as follows:

TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

For the trustees of the Central Union Church, in the absence of our honored president, it becomes my privilege to receive these keys. Delecting nothing from the skill of architect and workmen we have to thank you gentlemen for the request of the trustees and for the attention you have devoted to the erection of this beautifully finished building.

TO THE PASTOR.

We present unto you this building to be dedicated to the worship and service of Almighty God.

The church and congregation then rose and joined in the following:

Dedicatory Service.

PASTOR: Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: Where is the house that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest?

From the high and lofty one that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place with him also that is of a humble and contrite spirit, to revive the spirit of

the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

PASTOR: Will ye go, in very deed, dwell with men on the earth?

PEOPLE: Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God.

PASTOR: Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people and hath put into our hearts to build this house to the name of the Lord our God to dedicate it to him.

And now, the praise and glory of God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

ALL: We dedicate this house.

PASTOR: To the faith and service of Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father.

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PASTOR: To the reverent study of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise unto salvation, and to the bringing up of the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

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PASTOR: To the defense of the truth as it is in Jesus, to the winning of the people to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world, to the carrying out of the Great Commission, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, to the help of the helpless, to the comfort of the sorrowing, to the sheltering of the tempted, to all hallowed ministries in the name of Him who came to seek and to save the lost.

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After the prayer of dedication choir and congregation sang the following hymn, the composition of Mr. Phillip Dodge:

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My house shall be called the house of prayer.—Matt. 21:13.

Tune: Missionary Hymn; page 332, Hymn Book.

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And fitted for a temple, With consecrated care, Arrayed in grace and beauty, Well named a house of prayer.

In valley and on mountain The trees have bended low, And yielded each their portion Of offerings to bestow.

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From many lands and nations A people joined as one Sustain a sweet communion In fellowship and love.

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For ye are the temple of the living God.—2 Cor. 6:16.

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The first part of Mr. Young's address is covered in the report of the Secretary. He mentioned, with especial praise, Mr. Lishman and Mr. Mutch, and proceeded as follows:

A word of praise is due to the mechanics and other workmen who have been employed in the various departments of skilled and unskilled labor expended on this building, for both faithful service rendered and workmanlike handicraft exhibited on every foot of the exterior and interior, and I may as well add that the faithfully executed work not exposed to view.

I am proud to say that the work of the Building Committee has at last come to an end on these premises.

It is said that Alexander the Great, after having conquered the known world, sat down and wept because there was not another world for him to conquer; but I wish to assure this church and congregation that the members of the Building Committee have made up their minds not to sit down and cry because there is not another church for them to build right off.

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